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The Office Action mailed November 4, 2003 has been received and reviewed.

Claim 46 having been amended, the pending claims are claims 46-53 and 55.

The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 46-53 and 55 under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as being unpatentable over Dalvit et al., "Identification of Compounds with Binding Affinity to Proteins Via Magnetization Transfer From Bulk Water," *Journal of Biomolecular NMR* 18:65-68 (2000) in view of Keifer et al., "Direct-Injection NMR (DI-NMR): A Flow NMR Technique for the Analysis of Combinatorial Chemistry Libraries," *J. Comb. Chem.* 2:151-171 (2000). This rejection is respectfully traversed for reasons previously presented.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, however, claim 46 has been amended to clarify that the target molecule has an unknown function, which is identified by the claimed method. Although not literally stated in the specification, the phrase "target molecule of unknown function" would be clearly understood by one of skill in the art upon reading Applicants' specification.

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It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 46-53 and 55 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for

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